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TNA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By: Jerry Williams

Happy New Years to All! Where did the year of 2000 go? It seems like it was only yesterday that we were so concerned about Y2K. It came and went at a blink of an eye, and another year is here. Looking at the calendar of events for coin shows listed in the TNA News, "it looks like a very good year " 2001 as the old song goes.

In district fifteen, we have two coin shows this year, one in Orange and one in Beaumont. See the dates, time and location for the entire local shows listed in this news. There will be shows all over the state so you can attend one or more shows this year. Putting on shows is hard work. This subject needs to be addressed by the local, state, and national organizations. All members need to take a part in the clubs as well

Our state show will be here before you know it, so please help Helen Snider, our donation chairperson is doing a great job. If you would like to give a donation to TNA, please contact Helen. TNA is a nonprofit organization and you could get a tax credit for your donation. You would get a tax receipt for your income taxes.

Benny Bolin, our Editor of the TNA news is also doing a fine job. The advertising has more that doubled and there are many fine articles. If you write for your local coin paper, please send Benny a copy so that he can use it in the news. Your local club can place an ad in the news and gain new members.

Gary Hill is heading the Texas quarter of 2004 for the TNA committee. This committee is asking for designs all over Texas. So get your drawings ready to send in because 2004 will be here before you know it.

The New Year is here and it's time to nominate officers and governors to run for an office in TNA. Each officer can run for two terms but must be nominated by a club. Choose your nominees very carefully and be sure that they will serve you and the TNA. To be a governor, a club must nominate you in your district. So if you would like to run, please tell someone in your club. All nominations have to be in by the 15th of January. You must send them to Ray Whyborn. Ray Whyborn is our TNA secretary and he also is doing an excellent job. This is Ray's busy time of the year with elections coming up and it's time to pay dues. Don't forget to get your dues paid real soon, as they will increase the 1st of March

As the New Year starts, let's all work together and make our hobby and our organization a great one. More news later!

DONATIONS TO TNA

By: Helen Snider

Since you are a member of TNA, I am sure you must have a love for numismatics and a desire to see our organization thrive. One way to accomplish this is by way of your donations to TNA. Some of you serve as Officers and Governors; others of you help at the Annual Conventions, donate to Coins for "A's" or the Book Auction. Another way to show your desire to keep our organization in good health is by way of your Monetary Donations. I would like to tell you a little about a lady who has for the second year given TNA a very generous donation for the Youth Activities Fund. She is Mrs. Mary Ellen McFadden of McAllen. She is a 30-year member of the Hidalgo Coin Club. Mrs. McFadden has never been a member of TNA, but she has served the local Club by helping at the regular meetings and at the annual Coin Show. She has a love for the coin hobby and we are fortunate to have her as a Friend of TNA. As Chair of the Donations Committee, I would be pleased to assist you in any way with your Donation considerations for TNA. Also, please keep Mrs. McFadden in mind. You just may have someone like her in your local Club. Don't overlook this person for a donation just because they are not a member of TNA. Also, please remember that TNA is a 501c nonprofit organization and all donors will receive the verification of this status for tax purposes. Please contact me with any questions you might have about donations to TNA. I hope to see all of you in May at the Convention.

Helen Snider--Donations Chair--956-631-8301 - or by email - hj631tex@aol.com

A Few Words from the Editor

By Benny Bolin

RESOLVE to be INVOLVED

I hope you all had a good holiday season and got to enjoy and play in the results of the bad weather instead of having to be inconvenienced by it. Now that we are finally into the new millennium (one way or another), I encourage you all to examine your hobby lives and see what you can do to make our hobby and our club even greater. Our hobby is riding high on the crest of the new quarters and other new items that have ignited it. We need to seize the day and the moment for our hobby. During this time of the year (New Years), it is traditionally the time when we make resolutions for the upcoming year. Most of these we end of breaking, but I encourage you to make a few (and then follow through on them) for the good of our hobby. Resolve to become more active in the hobby by joining your local club, attending local and state shows, writing an article for the TNA News (I am out—by the way), get one new person to join TNA, introduce a new collector to the hobby, etc. There are many, many ways you can help the hobby out. I am a bit concerned about our club, as we seem to have a flat membership growth rate. We stay constant at about 600 members. Please take a moment and try to help your leadership find out why and how we can remedy this and grow in a positive direction. Ask friends and members of your local club who are not members, why they are not and what we need to do to make the club attractive to them. Then ask those who are members (yourself included) what we can do better. Get with your district governor and let them know how the club can serve your needs better and what you would like to see done differently. Send me a note or an email about the TNA News and let me know what you like and what you dislike as well as what you think should be added or deleted. If we all resolve to do something for the club, we will flourish into the next millennium, whenever that may be.

Also, make plans now to attend our TNA Convention in May in Ft. Worth. It is shaping up to be an excellent event. David and Ginger Pike are doing a great job getting dealers for the show and organizing the entire event. ANA President Campbell will be here and will be doing an educational event. Besides the dealers and educational sessions, there will be many wonderful and educational exhibits. Plan now to attend.

As always, if you want to put something in the TNA News, please submit it to me by the deadlines below. Thanks and Happy New Year!!

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SECRETARY'S NOTES

By: **RAYMOND E. WHYBORN**

Welcome to members #6225 – 6239 and LM-185. No objections were received and these applicants became members on January 1st.

The following have applied for membership. If approved, they will become members #6240 – 6249 and LM-186 on March 1st, 2001.

R-6240-(D-15)--Colin A. Simmons, 6299 Dave, Groves TX 77619, Dollar Coins; Jerry Williams.

J-6241-(D-06)--Kyle James, 4219 Nations DR., Pasadena, TX 77505, U.S. Paper Money, Early Coppers, Type Coins; Buddy Harris.

R-6242-(D-05)--Michael R. Launi, P.O. Box 472144, Garland TX 75047, American Gold Eagles & Jewelry, Michael Launi Numismatics; David Pike.

R-6243-(D-01)--Randal J. Cook, 5722 Locke Ave., Fort Worth TX 76107, Southwest Gold & Silver Exchange, U.S. & Foreign Coins; David Pike.

R-6244-(D-01)--Gene Dixon, 5300 Timbercreek Rd, Flower Mound, TX 75028, Gene Dixon Coins, None Stated; David Pike.

R-6245-(D-05)--Tony M. Hales, PO Box 832032, Richardson, TX 75080, T-N-T Coins, U.S. Coins; David Pike.

R-6246-(D-22)--Harry L. Kilgore, PO Box 418, Columbia, MO 65205, Choice U.S. Coins & Paper; David Pike.

R-6247-(D-22)--James Sprankle, 4872 4th Street, Boulder, CO 80304, James Sprankle Coins, Lincoln Cents & Canadian; David Pike.

R-6248-(D-22)--Dale Williams, PO Box 1270, Bozeman, MT 59771, None Stated; David Pike.

R-6249-(D-04)--Chris Merrill, 5809 Fox Chapel Dr., Austin, TX 78746, Coins & U.S. Currency; David Pike.

LM-186-(D-07)--Kirk Menczer, 3534 Fredericksburg Road, #16, San Antonio, TX 78201, Mexico & U.S., Former TNA President, Converting From R-5827; Secretary's Office.

VIP AWARD FOR THIS MONTH GOES TO
DAVID PIKE

SPECIAL NOTE FROM THE SECRETARY

Please contact the Secretary if you know the whereabouts of the following two Life Members. Correspondence addressed to them is returned by the U.S. Postal Service as: **“UNDELIVERABLE AS ADDRESSED”**

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Erling Smith, R-0449, D-08, Port Lavaca TX	General Fund	10.00

SPECIAL NOTE FROM BILLY J. BEVERS, R-4771, D-09, Lubbock
“To TNA Officers – Thanks for a job well done and a great publication for news and events. “Makes you Texas proud”. – BJB, member South Plains Coin Club (Lubbock TX)

Thanks for the accolades, Billy!

TREASURER'S REPORT

by: GERRY KAMMER

Balance Sheet--As of December 30, 2000

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

Clear Lake National Bank	
ANA Jr. Seminar Fund	1268.25
Corns for A's	1430.99
Life Memberships	750.00
Memorial Library Fund-CLNB	707.58
Clear Lake National Bank - Other	6,670.32

Total Clear Lake National Bank 10,827.14

Total Checking/Savings 10,827.14

Other Current Assets

Advance-- 2001 TNA Show	3,000.00
CD#2 Clear Lake NB	10,425.05
CD-Clear Lake National Bank	12,492.87
CD-Life Membershp-CLNB	13,662.88

Total Other Current Assets 36,580.80

Total Current Assets 47,407.94

TOTAL ASSETS 47,407.94

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Equity

Fund Balance	47,686.89
Net Income	-278.95
Total Equity	<u>47,407.94</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY 47,407.94

TNA CONVENTION 2001

Robert "Bob" Campbell has agreed to be our guest at the TNA convention and to give a seminar on toned coins.

Ralph Ross is the exhibit chairman for the TNA. Please send all inquiries to: Ralph Ross, P.O. Box 16512, Sugar Land, TX 77496-6512

DONATIONS NEEDED!

The Fort Worth Coin Club has conducted a Youth Auction in conjunction with our October coin show for the past three years. Attendance has been great and the club received some fine publicity from this event. This auction has been supported primarily from donations of club members but some Texas and National dealers have also made substantial contributions. We have distributed Red books, collector kits, Whitman folders and similar items to every young collector who registered for the auction. Each participant receives \$20 in "Kids Kash" to bid on items of their choice. We have awarded about 200 lots worth well over \$1000 each year to the young collectors.

The TNA convention and coin show will be held this year in our city on May 10th through May 13th. I have been asked to conduct a youth auction as an added attraction to this event. I'm sure this will be of interest to the public and increase attendance at the coin show. For our hobby (or business) to continue to flourish, it is absolutely essential to encourage young people to become interested and develop into coin collectors.

If this program is to succeed, we must obtain a sufficient number of auction lots to be presented. An absolute minimum of 200 lots must be on hand by April 1st. This is to allow time for packaging, listing, printing, etc. As of this writing (January 6th) I have received a grand total of 1 contribution. Obviously, this won't get the job done.

When the list of auction items is compiled, the objective is to create lots with a value of at least \$5 and up to about \$15. Remember each kid has just \$20 to spend. Items worth less than \$5 will be combined with others to form desirable lots. Door prizes are awarded during the auction to maintain the interest of those kids who spent all their Kash. The auction closes with a major door prize drawing.

If you believe this is a worthy endeavor, please send your contributions as early as possible. If you would rather not send coins, I will use all cash donations to purchase coins from TNA members and dealers at coin shows during the next 3 months. Address all items to TNA Youth Auction, P.O. Box 820213, Fort Worth, TX. 76182. Make plans to attend this event because, I assure you, it is just as much fun for the adults to watch as it is for the kids who participate. **J. Russell Prinzinger--Governor District I**

NUMISMATICS on the "WEB"

Many sites of interest to readers of the TNA News are available on the Internet. I will publish a list of interesting sites in each issue. If you have a favorite site, please let me know the address. All sites will be added at the sole discretion of the editor.

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UNITED STATES COINS—A “PRIMER”

Half Dimes

By: Michael Ross

The half-dime denomination traces its roots back to the one year issue of 1792 by Robert Birch. The denomination was known as the “half disme” and mint records continued to use this term until just prior to the Liberty Seated design in 1837. The Birch design apparently fell victim to the mint’s 19th century practice of retaining common silver coin designs. Thus, this initial design was abandoned in favor of the “flowing hair” obverse and small eagle reverse design by Robert Scot also used on the larger silver denominations. The coin was valued by virtue of its weight in silver, and therefore bore no mark of value. There are only two dates in this series (1794 and 1795) though all were minted in 1795. Starting in 1795, the new mint director wished to improve the nation’s silver coinage and enlisted the support of portrait artist Gilbert Stuart to supply a rendering of Ms. Liberty. The supplied sketch, now lost, manifested itself ultimately as the “Bust” design. This design initially employed the small eagle reverse in 1796 and 1797, then was replaced by the heraldic eagle reverse from 1800 through 1805. This reverse design was based on the Great Seal of the United States with one significant change: the eagle clutches the arrows in its right talon, rather than its left. From a heraldry standpoint, this implies a preference for war over peace. The reason for the “error” is unknown, but was repeated on the punches for the other silver denominations as well. The most famous issue of this series is the 1802. Unknown until 1863, the known population has gradually increased, though is still probably less than 50 total. Coinage of half dimes ceased in 1805, not to resume again until 1829. No official reason for the interruption is known.

The half dime coinage resumed in 1829 with the “capped bust” design by William Kneass. Collars were employed during the striking process for these coins, thus allowing for uniform diameter and reeded edges. Mintages for this short-lived series were uniformly moderate, and no particular rarities exist. Final deliveries of the capped bust series were made in June 1837 and coinage ceased in anticipation of the Liberty Seated motif, in work since 1836.

In December 1836, the mint director placed a rush order for dies to deploy the Liberty Seated design onto all silver denominations. His timing was such that only the dies for half dimes and dimes were completed for coinage in 1837. The design by Christian Gobrecht features a draped Ms. Liberty, seated right, facing left, and holding a pole with liberty cap in her left hand and steadying a shield with her right. No other devices appear on the obverse, save for the date. The reverse exhibits a simple laurel wreath, the legend, and for the first time, the denomination. This “no stars” variety was issued in 1837 (Philadelphia only) and 1838 (New Orleans only – the first branch mint to strike this denomination). Later dies starting in 1838 included 13 stars on

the obverse, to be consistent with the larger denominations, and these are known as the “stars” variety. During the fall of 1840 Robert Hughes prepared a modified design. Known as the “drapery” variety because of the noticeable new drapery hanging from Liberty’s left elbow, the design change was in fact much more extensive. Liberty’s arms are fatter, her head larger, the drapery and rock base modified, and the shield made more upright. This variety was coined until February 1853, when the gold/silver ratio required a reduction in silver coin weights to prevent hoarding and melting. To easily distinguish the lighter weight coins, arrows were placed at the date for issues from 1853 through 1855. As a side note, half-dime dies were shipped to San Francisco in 1853, though no resultant coinage is known. The “stars” variety resumed in 1856 and continued to 1858, and was slightly modified by Anthony Paquet for the year 1859 only. Though a number of changes were made, these 1859 issues are most noted for their hollow-centered stars on the obverse. Starting in 1860, a new reverse design was adopted, employing a wreath of cereals, and retaining the denomination. There being no additional room on the reverse, the legend was moved to the obverse in place of the stars. This is known as the “legend” variety, and it was coined until the denomination’s demise in 1873. In 1860, the mint director had 100 “transitional” pieces struck pairing the older style obverse with the new reverse, thus eliminating the legend entirely from this 1860-dated “coin”. Approximately 15 similar pieces dated 1859 are known to exist, though the manner of their creation is unknown. New Orleans ceased production after 1860, and San Francisco initiated production starting in 1863. Interestingly, many of the Civil War era S-mint half dimes were used as buttons, tie-tacks, etc. and subsequently bear soldering, scraping, and tooling marks. Notable low mintage dates of this series include the 1838-O, 1846, 1853-O no arrows (most were melted), the Philadelphia issues of 1863 through 1868, and most of all the unique 1870-S discovered in 1978.

The Mint Act of 1873, among other provisions, abolished the half-dime denomination as redundant with the relatively new nickel 5-cent pieces in circulation.

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A Guidebook of United States Coins, R S. Yeoman, St. Martin’s Press, 54th edition, 2000

COMING NEXT ISSUE: Shield Nickels

THE NEW STATE QUARTERS

NEW YORK

The first state quarter issued in the new millennium (no letters to the editor—not going there!) is the New York Quarter. The U.S. Mint was scheduled to have a coin-launch ceremony on January 8 in Albany, New York, the state capital. The ceremony was to be held at the New York State Museum where an exhibit about the evolution of the quarter was also to be opened.



The reverse was designed by Mint Sculptor-Engraver Al Maletsky and features the Statue of Liberty, the state outline, the words, "Gateway to Freedom", and 11 stars representing the number of states when it entered the union. This final New York design celebrates the "Empire State" as a point of entry for millions of immigrants seeking the political freedom and democracy that American citizenship provides. President Grover Cleveland accepted the Statue of Liberty, a gift from the people of France, on behalf of the United States on October 28, 1886. Lady Liberty was designated a National Monument on October 15, 1924 and underwent extensive restoration for her remarkable centennial on July 4, 1986. Governor George E. Pataki asked the U.S. Mint to add the line tracing the Hudson River and the route of the Erie Canal because of the vital developmental role of the waterways.

Governor Pataki's office requested design ideas from the residents of New York and received hundreds of suggestions from school children, history buffs, graphic artists and coin collectors across the state. On June 19, 2000, Governor Pataki unveiled five candidate designs. They included the Erie Canal, Henry Hudson and the HalfMoon, a rendering of the historic painting, "Battle of Saratoga," the Statue of Liberty, and the New York Federal Building. New Yorkers were encouraged to write or email Pataki's office to vote for their favorite design. After receiving 76 percent of the vote, Governor Pataki officially selected the Statue of Liberty design.

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NORTH CAROLINA

A COCA-COLA SOUVENIR OF THE PANAMA-PACIFIC EXPOSITION OF 1915?

By Frank Clark

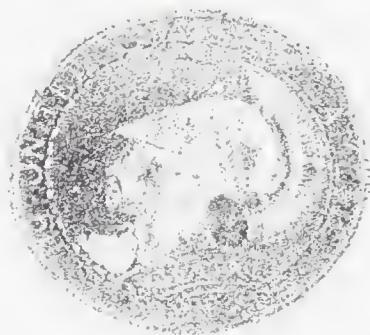
I am sure all numismatists have looked at the listings of the Panama-Pacific Exposition Round and Octagonal \$50 gold pieces of 1915 in the Red Book wishfully and dreamed of ownership of these regal pieces of U.S. numismatics. However, their extremely low mintage, popularity and beauty cause these particular coins to be very expensive. 645 octagonal pieces and 483 round pieces were issued and the rest that were minted were exiled to the melting pot. Noted numismatist Farran Zerbe handled the sales while running the U.S. Mint's exhibit at the exposition. I have



always liked the design of these coins. Robert Aitken was the sculptor who designed the coins. He was trained at the American Academy in Rome. The Panama-Pacific \$50's portray a classic Greco-Egyptian profile of Athena in full armor with a minimum of inscriptions and the date of 1915 is in Roman numerals - MCMXV. The reverse consists of an owl in a mass of western pinecones again with a minimum of inscriptions. Dolphins fill the corners of the octagonals on both the obverse and reverse. Details and relief are done in archaistic styles. Athena's crest, wreath, curls and aegis imitate the work of some ancient bronze coins. The bead and reel between the outside rims is derived from Greek architecture. The lettering around the rim is similar to Roman sestertii of the Empire or papal medallions of the 16th century. Overall, a very creative design of coins that contained almost 2.5 ounces of pure gold. The description of the coins is by art historian Cornelius Vermeule and can be found in the 1971 book, *Numismatic Art in America*. The purpose of the Panama-Pacific Exposition was to celebrate the opening of the Panama Canal and the 400th anniversary of the discovery of the Pacific Ocean and also to celebrate the rebuilding of San Francisco following the disastrous earthquake and fire of 1906. President Taft broke ground on October 14, 1911 at the site in San Francisco, which is now known as the Marina District. The exposition's site consisted of 635 acres extending 2.5 miles along the bay. The dates of the exposition were from February 20, 1915 through December 4, 1915. The Panama-Pacific was opened by

President Wilson turning a gold key in Arlington, Virginia that opened the doors and turned on the mechanical exhibits. Attendance was over 18,000,000 with over 13,000,000 paid. Forty-four states and territories, 58 California counties and 42 foreign countries were represented; 28 of the former and 22 of the latter plus New York City erected their own buildings. In total there were over 240 buildings including eleven exhibition palaces that created the "City of Domes". The dominant building was the "Tower of Jewels" which capped off at 435 feet. The "jewels" were thousands of pieces of Austrian cut glass that were bathed by floodlights. This was "the happening place" for 1915 as over 900 conventions were held at the Panama-Pacific Exposition. Even the American Numismatic Association held their convention here in September 1915. There had to be many souvenirs for these conventions and this leads to the numismatic item of this article.

Coca-Cola held their 1915 convention at the Panama-Pacific Exposition. However, the Coca-Cola medal that this article concerns itself about is not from the 1915 Panama-Pacific Expo, but is a registration packet piece from a chapter convention of the Coca-Cola Collectors Club from the 1970's even though the medal lays claim to Panama-Pacific heritage. The medal is gold colored and round. The obverse is very similar to the round version of the Panama-Pacific \$50 gold piece. The only differences are very minor. On the



medal Athena's mouth is open, on the coin her mouth is closed. The noses on the two items are slightly different. Also, "IN GOD WE TRUST" on the medal is smaller than on the coin. On the medal, the bead and reel between the outside rims contains slightly larger spacing than on the coin. Both have "UNITED STATES OF AMERICA" and "FIFTY DOLLARS" around the rim and "MCMXV" with dots before and after each letter is enclosed in two arcs that truncates Athena's neck. The reverses of both coin and medal have Greek owls of wisdom grasping tree limbs with their talons, but the medal only has three pinecones and leans toward the whimsical. The coin has "E PLURIBUS UNUM" on it. "PANAMA-PACIFIC EXPOSITION" and "SAN FRANCISCO" around the rim and the now familiar bead and reel between the outside rims. The medal departs greatly from the coin at this

point. Around the rim is "ANNUAL CONVNTN COCA-COLA BOTTLING CO." and "MCMXV" is at the bottom, thus the date is on both the obverse and reverse. There is not a bead and reel design but only a bead design that is between the outside rims only on the upper two-thirds of the reverse. The owl is facing the observer and wearing reading glasses. In its right talon it is holding an open book and on the book's back cover in small letters is "WHAT SHALL WE DRINK? On the book's front cover also in small letters is "DRINK COCA-COLA 5C". The owl artwork on the reverse of the medal is from a Coca-Cola celluloid bookmark of 1906. The medal weighs 1.5 ounces and probably is of a brass composition. The diameter is 1.75 inches and is the size of the actual coin. The medal has coin alignment and the edge is reeded on both. The medal is housed in a red leatherette case with the following words in imitation gold embossing:

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The case has a length of 3 1/2 inches and a width of 2.5 inches. It is also hinged. On the inside, the top part is white cloth and the bottom part is red velvet with a

depression for placement of the medal plus a red cloth pull ribbon for easy removal of the medal when it is placed in the depression.

I am sure this souvenir was well received by the Coca-Cola conventioners as they opened their 1970's convention registration packets. Even though of recent vintage, the medal is still an interesting numismatic item.



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THE PAPER TRAIL

By: Frank Clark

ECUADOREANS MAKE SWITCH TO U.S. DOLLAR

Ecuador has completed a six-month transition to making the U.S. Dollar its' official currency. During the transition, both sucres and dollars circulated. The U.S. Greenback replaced the sucre as Ecuador's national currency on Monday September 11, 2000. Dollar bills and bills of larger denominations were abundant. But, Ecuadorians complained about the lack of coins for change and said that merchants were rounding off prices at the dollar level, which was quite a sore point in this poor country where more than two-thirds of workers earn less than \$30 per month. The Ecuadorian Central Bank will allow sucres to be switched at special locations until March 9.

Ecuador joins Panama in using the U.S. dollar as its' official currency. Officials hope the change will end inflation that is at 104 percent a year, Latin America's highest.

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THE FLYING FORTRESS REMEMBERED

On February 1, 1943, somewhere over Tunisia a B-17F named "*All American*" from the 97th bomb group was almost cut in half by a Messerschmitt ME 109. The damage included the loss of the left elevator. The pilot, Lt. Kenneth Bragg, immediately switched on the autopilot, which compensated for damaged controls and missing parts of the plane. The craft was then able to fly for over an hour and a half before safely returning the crew to the ground. This incident was one of the many recorded by the crews of the B17. It was, and still is, considered by many to be the most reliable aircraft ever built. From the first production model in 1936 to the early days of the Vietnam conflict, this versatile bomber proved itself over and over.



B-17s were seen in all theaters of World War II. They were already deployed in the Pacific when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. Several bombers assigned to Clark Field in the Philippines are credited with the first offensive blows of the Pacific War. Massive fleets of B-17s steadily grew in England (the unsinkable aircraft carrier) and were

eventually deployed to North Africa to strike at "Hitler's Soft Underbelly."

The B-17 was called by those who knew and flew them as the *Flying Fortress* due to their exceptional armor and six to nine .50 caliber machine guns. Manned by a ten-man crew and powered by four 1000-hp Wright engines, the Forts could reach ceilings of 35,000 feet. A total of 12,371 B-17s were built between 1935 and 1945. Although Boeing developed the craft, Douglas Aircraft and Vega Industries helped build them. There were eight production models. Most of the Forts, which saw duty, were models B-17E, B-17F and B-17G. The Flying Fortress suffered heavy losses during the early days of the war in Europe. Some crews called the "*Flying Coffins*." Others just dreaded facing "frost, flak and fighters." But, as crews grew more experienced and more were available, along with the aid of long-range escort fighter planes, B-17s soon became a powerful force which easily "made some adjustments to Hitler's 1000-year Reich."

The Flying Fortress was included in a series of commemorative coins issued by the Marshall Islands in 1991. These included a \$10 and \$50 coin. The \$10 coin was issued in brass and has the Marshall Islands seal on the reverse and two B-17s on the obverse. The \$50 coin has the same design as the \$10 coin, but is crown size and has a full ounce of .999 fine silver. This series also includes many of the Allied and Axis craft, which fought for control of the skies of Europe.

EMPORER CUAUCHTEMOC HONORED

Dawn. Daylight was racing down the slopes, which guarded the Valley of Mexico. Below, the crisp clear sky amid sacred forests a city was dying. Bright sunrays revealed a sight of great sorrow. The year is 1521 and by intrigue and force of arms, the Spanish forces under Hernando Cortez and his Indian allies are gaining control of the city, which once ruled a great empire. A city as grand as any in Europe with magnificent buildings painted with the gifts of mother earth. A city precisely laid out with grand canals and broad streets, which gave life to the heart of Mexico. A city with artisans who gave



their world art which honored the gods. A city with knights as noble as any that had ever been seen in Europe, dressed in the finest feather and fur and as full of purpose to serve their Lord. A city with merchants who offered the bounty of the empire. Here could be found jade, cocoa, Quetzal feathers, shells, obsidian, pelts, fish from the Great Ocean and ice from the slopes of Popocatepet to chill ones throat. As the city died and warriors fell, Cuauhtemoc, the last of the Aztec emperors, led the valiant struggle. Little seemed of value as the streets and canals filled with Aztec blood. Survivors fled the city and the allies of Cortez met them with bow and lance. Cuauhtemoc was the young son of a brother of Montezuma. He refused to give up his city and urged all to fight to the last man. Although he remained committed to the fight, what was left of his army soon began to give up. With all lost, Cuauhtemoc attempted to flee the city in a canoe, but was captured and brought before Cortez and taken prisoner. When the Spanish searched the Aztec City, they could not find the vast amount of gold and silver believed to be there. (It is believed that most of the fortune of the Aztecs ended up on the bottom of Lake Texcoco as the Spanish retreated during El Noche Triste). The Spanish tortured Cuauhtemoc in an attempt to get him to reveal the location of the imagined treasure, but to no avail. With little luck at interrogating the Emperor and with rumors circulating of a planned Indian revolt, Cortez had the feet of the last Emperor burned and then he was murdered.

Emperor Cuauhtemoc lives on in the coinage of the Republic of Mexico. The Aztec warrior has been honored on coins beginning in 1947 with the popular five-peso silver coin showing the chief in his headdress. His image can also be found on three issues of fifty-centavo coins.



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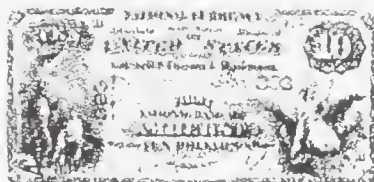
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Contact Gary Rollins, Box 744, McKinney, TX 75069. (972) 727-1566.

April 21-22 Houston, TX 42 Tables
The Bellaire Coin Club's "National Coin Week Show." Bellaire Civic Center,
7000 South Rice, Bellaire, TX. Contact: Ed Stephens, Box 303, Bellaire,
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May 10-13 Fort Worth, TX 165 Tables
Texas State 2001 Convention, sponsored by the Texas Numismatic
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Lancaster between University and Montgomery. Contact David & Ginger
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May 26 San Antonio, TX 35 Tables
San Antonio Coin and Collectible Show. Sponsored by the Gateway Coin
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San Antonio at IH 35 and Loop 1604. Contact: Raymond Tate, Box 12964,
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June 8-10, Grapevine, TX 70 Tables
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HAPPENINGS

DISTRICT I

Key City Coin, Stamp & Trading Card Club (Club minutes)

The December meeting was a Christmas party, installation of new officers and a gift exchange. New club officers for 2001 include Dr. Mark Phelan--President, Russell Sounders—1st VP, Fred Jones—2nd VP, Kathryn Fortner—Secretary, Marylu Megginson—Treasurer and Jim Saunders—Newsletter editor. The newsletter advised club members of the new USPS non-denominational 34-cent Farm Flag and four variety flower definitive stamps to be issued on December 15. The club had a very successful year in that it started with 17 members and ended the year with 40!

DISTRICT IV

Capital City Coin Club (Internet Report)

The Capital City Coin Club held its annual Christmas Dinner on December 14 at the Lone Star Cafe in Lincoln Center in Austin. The 33 members and guests that attended enjoyed an excellent steak dinner. The officers for 2000 were reelected for 2001: Francis Smith-President, Robert Camp-Vice President, Roger Moulton-Secretary and Treasurer, Bryan Jones-Bourse Chairman, and Sylvia Chase-Meadows-Membership and Show Chairwoman. The club made a \$100.00 donation to the Austin Area Brown Santa for needy children at Christmas. The club sponsored two successful coin shows this past year and will do the same in 2001. The dinner concluded with the door prize drawings. Happy New Year to all.

Francis Smith-Club President

DISTRICT V

Collin County Coin Club (Club Newsletter)

The October meeting had 19 members in attendance. After awarding of door prizes and the treasurer's report, a report on the club show was given. Members were reminded of the December meeting, which will be the annual Christmas party. The program was a club discussion of security at shows. After a short auction, the program was adjourned.

The Collin County Coin Club meets at 7:30PM on the third Thursday of the month at the Steak Kountry Restaurant in McKinney.

Dallas Coin Club (Club Newsletter)

The October meeting had 17 members present. An update on the upcoming club show was given as well as the marginal success of recent area shows. A discussion was held about having the newsletter moved to e-mail. This will be able to be accommodated for those who desire it. Glenn Woods gave the program. It was a continuation of his ancient coin program. After a raffle and short auction, the meeting was adjourned.

The November meeting had 15 members and one guest who subsequently became a member present. The election of officers topped the agenda. All current officers were willing and eligible to serve another term and were unanimously elected to do so. The December meeting was discussed. It will be the club Christmas party. A new permanent meeting location was discussed and one was approved. Past-President Hal Cherry reported on his recent presentation to the Lancaster Boy Scout Troop. The club also voted to give a donation to the Clements Coin Club to help defray expenses to FUN. Voting was held on the best presentation for the year. The program was again a continuation of his series on ancient coins given by Glenn Woods. After a raffle and short auction, the meeting adjourned.

DISTRICT VI

Bellaire Coin Club, (Club Newsletter).

The November meeting began with a reminder to members about the upcoming Pasadena Coin Show. The club then voted to provide money for bingo prizes at the December Christmas party. Members were asked to volunteer to do presentations at future meetings. The program was a show and tell by the members.

The December 4 meeting was the club Christmas party where fun was had by all. The December 20 meeting began with a report of the recent Pasadena Coin Show. A report on the April coin show was held and members will attempt to get the ANACS to attend. The program was given by Dale Friend on "Collecting Coins."

The Bellaire Coin Club meets at 6:30PM on the first and third Monday of the month at the Bellaire Public Library, 5111 Jasmine.

Michael Wolford, Club Editor

DISTRICT VII

Alamo Coin Club, (Club Newsletter)

The November meeting had thirty members and two new members present. A member round table was held which included a 1900 Lafayette dollar, a Japanese war bond from World War II, a Colombian Exposition medal,

foreign coins and other interesting items. Final plans for the club show were discussed. After a raffle, a 40-lot auction concluded the meeting.

The December meeting was the club's Christmas Party. Twenty-five members and four guests attended. Door prizes were awarded and certificates of appreciation were given to members who had placed exhibits at the November club show. The show was a success in spite of inclement weather, which kept several dealers away, and participants down. A leather jacket and bag were raffled to raise funds for the August shows youth auction. The Alamo Coin Club meets at 7PM every second and fourth Thursday at the Maverick Café, San Pedro at Oblate in San Antonio.

Gateway Coin Club (Club newsletter)

The October 4 meeting had 25 members and one guest in attendance. The guest was welcomed into the club as a new member. A member round table was held before a raffle and auction closed the meeting.

The October 19 meeting had 22 members and two guests (both of whom later joined the club) present. A letter from ANA President Campbell congratulating the club on its' 38th anniversary was read and a certificate was from his was shown. A member roundtable preceded the program given by Py Coryell who related his coin collecting history. A mini-auction closed the meeting.

DISTRICT IX

Lamb County Coin Club (Internet Report)

The November meeting of the Lamb County coin club was held on Nov. 28th with 8 member present. Club president David Keithley announced that due to the Christmas holidays there would not be a club meeting in December. Our regular schedule will resume in Jan. 2001 at regular time. Lamonte Pitzer gave a TNA report and announced The South Plains Coin Club party and invited all to join us on Dec. 4th. He gave an up date on the 2001 TNA convention. There being no further business, a trade session closed out the meeting.

E. L. Pitzer TNA Gov. # 9

South Plains Coin Club, (Internet Report)

The South Plains Coin Club meeting was called to order on Nov. 6th with 29 members in attendance. Club president Sharron Rice announced that the Christmas party will be Dec. 4th starting at 6:30 P. M. The meal will be catered by Danny's Hens and Fins. Sharron asked all to help in getting items for the auction. Herman Jacobs and Sharon has already gotten several nice donations. She mentioned that donations are tax deductible. Pitzer gave a

TNA report about the TNA board meeting and 2001 convention. Our program this evening was given by Mike Carpenter, our club treasurer. Mike's program discussed the coins the Pilgrims might have carried and some interesting facts about the Pilgrims and the journey aboard the Mayflower. Guber Pitzer won the door prize and an auction conducted by Sharron and Marty and Lynn Parker ended the meeting.

WOW!! Did we have a wonderful Christmas party at the South Plains Coin Club meeting. After the invocation was given by Ray Whyborn, 64 members and guests enjoyed a meal of turkey, ham and fried chicken with all the trimmings topped off with pecan pie. Danny's Hens and fins catered the meal. After meal Sharron Rice presented certificates to the members that gave a program during the year. She also gave certificates to the board of Directors and thanked all for their service to the club. A charity auction followed with Sharron as auctioneer and assisted by Lena Golden and Jerry Eastham. The auction of 150 lots raised \$3,325.00 to be divided equally to the Salvation Army and Ronald McDonald House. Sharron thanked the bidders and donors for making this our most successful charity auction. Truly the Christmas spirit was with us tonight, Dec. 4th.

E. L. Pitzer TNA Gov. # 9

DISTRICT XI

Golden Spread Coin Club (Club Newsletter)

The November meeting had 21 members present. After officers reports were given, members were told of the 2001 TNA show, which would be held in Ft. Worth. The club voted to give funds to a scholarship fund at WTAMU, which the school would match. They also voted to give funds to four other charities, Meals-on-Wheels, Empty Stocking Fund, St. Anthony's Fund and the Salvation Army. They also decided to give a contribution to the church where they meet. The club Christmas party was discussed and then officer elections were held. Ted Winton will serve as President; Homer Dotts—1st VP; Diane Morie—2nd VP; Jerry Davidson—Secretary; Louise Tompkins—Treasurer and Doug Hershey, Charles Miller and Tommy Tompkins as board members. Tommy Thompson gave the program on current events in collecting—cleaning, restoration and slabbing. The awarding of door prizes closed the meeting.

Jerry Davidson--Secretary

DISTRICT XIII

TEXOMA Stamp Club/Wichita Falls Coin & Stamp Club

The combined clubs met for their annual Christmas party on 12 Dec in the Fellowship Hall of the Beverly Drive United Methodist Church. A turkey dinner, with all the trimmings, was enjoyed by all. The traditional “Chinese” gift exchange provided nice gifts and lots of fun for everyone.

Wichita Falls Coin & Stamp Club (Internet Report)

The Wichita Falls Coin & Stamp Club met on Nov 16, 2000, at the Beverly Drive United Methodist Church. President Robbie Robinson conducted the meeting. There were 15 members and one visitor present. Robbie and Gene Wheeler provided a short briefing on the current status of the annual coin show program. Members not holding daytime jobs will meet on Friday morning, 17 Nov, to set up for the show, as dealers will arrive Friday afternoon. Gene Wheeler won the 2000 BU silver eagle membership prize. John Van Dunk and Tony Zupkas won raffle prizes.

Mary Jane Whyborn—Governor District 13

DISTRICT XIV

Hidalgo Coin Club (Internet Report)

The Hidalgo Coin Club of the Rio Grande Valley met in November at the People's Church in San Juan with 27 in attendance. Don Higgins, Bourse Chairman, reported on the Feb. 10, 2001, Club Coin and Collectible Show. There are only a few tables left. The Club held an election of officers. The present officers were re-elected for the 2001-year. They are: Richard Dixon, Pres; Michael Tharp, VP; Annette Fortson, Treas; and Helen Snider, Sec. The meeting adjourned for refreshments and a large auction conducted by Rod Bates.

At the January 3 meeting, there were 35 present for the Annual Club Birthday Party. The 40th year for the Club was celebrated with Cake and 14 Door Prizes. Annette Fortson, Club Secretary, has been a member for 38 years. The Feb. 10 Coin Show Announcements were made by Helen Snider, Show Chairman. Jerry Zuniga gave a very interesting program on Military Buttons from Mexico from the years 1860-1867. He passed for review several trays from his own personal collection. The evening ended with a large auction conducted by Rod Bates. Over \$33.00 was taken in for the Club.

Helen Snider, Club Secretary

District XV

Beaumont Coin Club (Club Newsletter)

The October meeting began with the treasurer's report. The club discussed alternate meeting places and show sites. The club's Christmas party was discussed and one guest was approved as a new club member. Morgan Alleman gave the program on error coins before door prizes wrapped up the meeting.

The November meeting had discussions of new meeting places and details about the club Christmas party. Judy Matherne and Yvonne Duren were nominated to serve as VP and Secretary respectively. The nights program was the club auction. The meeting ended with the awarding of door prizes, in which member and TNA president won a Red Lobster Dinner!

Yvonne Duren--Secretary

Greater Port Arthur Coin Club (Dollars and Cents--Club Newsletter)

The November meeting had thirteen members present. Door prizes preceded a discussion led by Jerry Williams on the upcoming combined clubs show in September in Beaumont. Jerry then gave the program on post cards.

The December meeting was the club's Christmas party and had sixteen members present. Business included the election of officers and award presentations. Officers for 2001 are Jerry Williams—President; Shirley Pearson—VP, Joseph Scott—Secretary and Morgan Alleman—Treasurer. Recognition awards were presented to Ray Gannaway—the T.G. Brown award for service and Rick Lanclos—the Lifetime achievement award.

The Greater Port Arthur Coin Club meets the first Thursday of the month at 7PM in the Jefferson County Clinic Building on Viterbo Road, adjacent to the airport.

SILSBEE COIN CLUB (Club Newsletter)

The October meeting had eight members and one guest present. An announcement was made regarding the Thornhill library, which has been donated, to the club. The books (60 in all) will be auctioned off in two club auctions. A discussion of moving the combined club show to the Beaumont Civic Center was held and well received. Jim Ruhland gave the program on tokens. After door prizes and a short auction, the meeting ended.

The November meeting had twelve members and one guest present. The guest subsequently joined the club. A discussion on the club's Christmas party and the 2001 Beaumont coin show was held. After a report on local shows, the program was started. In lieu of an educational presentation, the first of two auctions of the Thornhill library was held. Twenty-five books were auctioned. The awarding of door prizes concluded the meeting.

Emery Ledoux--Secretary

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